



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on the July 7 Terrorist Bombings in London

As delivered by Ambassador Stephan M. Minikes
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We wanted to take this opportunity to express our horror and our outrage at the terrorist attacks that took place in London last week.

As we have all said many times -- and will continue to say emphatically -- absolutely no cause justifies terrorism.

Moreover, if terrorists believe that their dastard and cowardly acts will deter nations of the world from pursuing freedom, democracy and prosperity for all people, they are grossly mistaken.

Such acts, as the terrorists have seen and will see, will not deter us, rather they will stiffen our resolve.

Mr. Chairman, the United States expresses its deepest sympathy to the United Kingdom and to the victims of these attacks and to their families.

Thank you.